**MEDLAR-with-WESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room, Wesham Community Centre

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Elizabeth Bickerstaffe (Chair) Linda Nulty, Tim Rackham, Kellyann Moreton,

Pete Desmond

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Angela Hunter (Acting Town Clerk)

Ruth Ross (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Phil Enright

**CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS**

Members are reminded of the standard of conduct they must adhere to during Town council meetings

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded that any direct or indirect pecuniary or other interests should be declared as required by the Council’s Code of Conduct for Members

Standard declarations of interest by councillors

Cllr Bickerstaffe – an interest in items relating to Wesham C of E School (Governor)

Cllr L Nulty – an interest in issues relating to Mill Farm being a neighbour and an interest in items relating to Kirkham Food Bank (volunteer)

**25/37 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 18th March 2025

Proposed: K Moreton Seconded: T Rackham

**25/38 MATTERS ARISING**

Any item not covered by agenda or action list

**25/39 POLICING ISSUES**

No policing reports available. Councillor Bickerstaffe commented on cars still parking outside Seniors Fish and Chip Shop and taking o notice of parking restrictions. Contact the Sergeant at Kirkham police Station to enquire about any plans for putting police on the beat as there is no police presence in Wesham.

**25/40 PLANNING – 25/**0084 Land South of Weeton – ask for extension. Proposal is an application for a biomass boiler and fuel store associated with a poultry unit.

The council also has concerns about the smell coming from the buildings at the Poultry Farm – it is noticed on a daily basis – separate matter from planning application.

Proposed Housing off Weeton Road –Contact Planning for more information

**25/41 PLAYING FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES**

**a)Open Spaces Contract** - Due to the unseasonably dry weather it has been commented on that all the bedding plant basket and pots around Wesham and the Community Centre have not been watered and are very dry. Speak to the Open Spaces Contractor regarding adding this into their contract in the event of very dry weather early on in the season. Trees discussed have been planted. Bedding plants to be put in during May.

**b)Fleetwood Playing Fields** –

**Signage** – Sample of a sign to be placed near bollards on the edge of the car park stating ‘Dogs to be kept on leads at all times’ and no overnight parking etc – make amendments and discuss in next meeting.

**Bollards and fencing**. – looking for replacements – awaiting quote for replacements and labour costs

**Guttering on the pavilion –** waiting for a quote for the replacement guttering and labour costs.

**Kirkham Junior Football Club** – Meeting arranged for 6pm on 21st May in the Meeting Room at the Community Centre

**c)Doorstep Green, Derby Road –** solar lighting update. E Bickerstaffe to chase original company. Received a quote from a local firm – check the warranty on the light fittings.

The Open Spaces Contractor have installed a stoned path on Doorstep Green Dog Run. It now joins the main gate to the small side gate running parallel to the main area.

A concrete plinth has been installed and ready for a bench to be put there.

**d) Street Cleaning in Wesham** – no update

**25/42 Allotments –** most have renewed their tenancies and paid at both Morland Avenue and Fleetwood Rd. They are some vacancies which will be advertised for residents of Wesham on Facebook and through the website

Land adjacent to Bowling Green – allotment. The allotment holder has paid and is clearing the plot which will be vacant in the upcoming months.

**25/43 HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS**

Awaiting update from LCC regarding the hedge on A585 from Fire Station to AFC Fylde roundabout.

Hedge cutting on the A585 from FAC Fylde to Demmingfield has been escalated to Highways and PROW Teams. They are monitoring the situation

Received notification that there is surface dressing to be carried out on Park Lane and surrounding areas This is an asphalt preservation scheme which aims to extend the life of the carriageway. Chase up what is happening regarding the road surface on Mowbreck Lane.

Double yellow lines have not been have not yet been put down from the corner of Thomson Street onto Station Road. It has been requested before.

Kirkham Station – The town clerk at Kirkham has been contacted to ask that if meetings are held with regards to the train station that Wesham Council are involved too as it affects residents of both Kirkham and Wesham

**25/44 GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

**a)WCC Bank Account –**  Unity account to replace the Natwest account has been opened. Cannot transfer until the mandate has been confirmed

**c)Accounts payable and income received report**  - March 2025 submitted for approval at meeting

**d)Accident and Incident Reporting –** none reported

**25/45 EVENTS – Club Day and Fun Day on 14th June –** made contact with Tina Townsend the organiser of the fun day – everything is organised

**25/46 HUMAN RESOURCES**

NEST Pension for the Town Clerk – Councillor E Bickerstaffe has details

Employment contract template forwarded to Cllr P Desmond - update

**25/47 WESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Removed more than half of the fixed bar furniture. A section remains to be removed. Radiator pipes need boxing in and the radiators need to be checked that they are still working at the back of the bar. Arranging to get the remainder of the fixed furniture removed prior to decorating

Wesham Fire and Rescue using the building for a training exercise on Tuesday, 6th May. Requested photos and taking video of the training.

Advert gone out for new cleaner for the Community Centre and ad hoc bar staff

**25/48 WESHAM BOWLING CLUB –**. Grant information regarding building a toilet facility has been sent to the committee – awaiting update.

**25/49 WEBSITE** – Councillors to bring devices i.e. phones, laptops, ipads etc along to the Council Meeting in June to be updated for the new email addresses .gov.uk

**25/50 MAYORAL CHAIN AND REGALIA**

A photo of the mayoral chain needs to be sent to Fattorini prior to adding in the new links requested – find out if we need to send the chain to them by courier and the cost. Also ordering further pendants and bars

**25/51 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR NOMINATIONS**

It was proposed by council that Cllr E Bickerstaffe would be Mayor and the Deputy Mayor would be Cllr L Nulty

The Mayor Making will take place on Tuesday, 20th May at the Community Centre

**DATE OF NEXT WTC MEETING: Wednesday, 21st May 2025 – commence at 6pm for meeting with Kirkham Juniors to discuss SLA**